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American CANCER Society To Sponsor Speech Seminar

A laryngectomee is an individual who has had his larynx, or voice box, removed due to cancer.

More than 100 laryngectomees, their spouses and medical professionals will meet in Charlotesville at the Ramada Inn on Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12 for the Eighth Annual Speech Seminar sponsored by the American Cancer Society (ACS), Virginia Division and its affiliated Lost Chord and New Voice Clubs throughout the state.

But why would people with no voice boxes have a speech seminar?

"Being a laryngectomee involves learning how to communicate effectively with the form of speech they now use...esophageal speech of use of an electrolarynx," James Graves, Virginia Division Coordinator for the Laryngectomy Rehabilitation Program, explained. "Also, because the laryngectomee has special concerns about his appearance, how he sounds and how he is perceived by other people, we want to help him cope with his somewhat unique 'talking arrangement'."

"Esophageal speech is a technique for trapping air at the upper part of the eshphagus and forcing it out again to produce a 'belch' sound the laryngectomee uses to shape words," according to Donna Forsythe, speech pathologist with the Medical College of Virginia Cancer Rehabilitation Program in Richmond. An electrolarynx is another sound source (to replace that which has been removed.) With the sound conducted in the mouth, the person can use his articulators, (tongue, roof of mouth, lips, teeth,) to shape words, she explained.

V. F. Pekarek, M.D. of Cleveland, President of the International Association of Laryngectomees (IAL) and medical advisor to the nationally distributed file "Three Critical Minutes" will be among the featured speakers.

Zilpha T. Bosone, PH.D, Speech Pathologist, Veterans Administration Hospital in Washington D. C., will address the opening session and also conduct speech sessions dealing with individual problems on both days. Paul J. Scriffignano, of New York City, Executive Secretary of IAL, and Miss Jami Rinks, a registered nurse with the Lee County Health Department and the 1979 Miss Hope of Virginia, will be featured speakers at Saturday's luncheon session.

Other highlights of the seminar include a visitor training session for accepted applicants and a patient presentation on use of the electrolaryax.

Joseph J. Masters, PH.D., Chief, Audiology and Speech Pathology, Veterans Administration Hospital, Salem, is serving as coordinator of the speech seminar.

For further information on the seminar may be obtained by calling theAmerican Cancer Society's Division Office, 1-800-552-7996.

Jeff Martin Competes In Houston

This week Jeffrey Allen Martin is in Houston, Texas representing Appomattox and the state of Virginia in National Competition. This is the final step in a journey that began in February.

This past February, Jeff entered Automotive/Petroleum for the district level and won first place and went on to represent his district in state competition. On the state level, Jeff placed 5th out of 28. The top five students go on to represent Virginia in National Competition. Competition consist of advertising, mathematics, human relations, merchandising, display, selling, communications, operations, management, and product/service technology.

Jeff is the first student from Appomattox to ever enter National Competition in DECA. We at ACHS are extremely proud of him and wish him the very best of luck.

APPOMATTOX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

May 14
Cheese pizza w/beef, tomato & lettuce salad, buttered corn, plums, milk.

May 15
Sloppy Joe on bun, blackeye peas, chilled tomatoes, gingercake, applesauce, milk.

May 16
Footlong hotdog on bun, coleslaw, pork n' beans, potato chips, sliced peaches, milk

May 17
Sliced turkey w/gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, creamed potatoes, fruit cocktail, milk

May 18
Oven battered fish w/catsup, cornbread, coleslaw, peas & carrots, banana pudding, juice, milk.

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Home-Ec Students Visit Primary School

Twenty-four students from sixth period Home Economics class at Appomattox County High School visited the kindergarten classes at Appomattox Primary School. The visit coincided with a unit on childcare being conducted by Mrs. Betty Jo Smith, teacher. Pictured above is Susan Parris leading a game in one of the classes.

The Pastor Speaks

A mother tells the story of how her five-year-old daughter requested that breakfast be a creative time. While visiting with grandmother, the little girl asked that her toast be cut into squares for breakfast. Grandmothers seem to have more time to care for little needs when the days schedule seems busiest. The next day grandmother began to fix the breakfast toast the same way and the little girl requested, "Grandma! Today cut it into triangles."

Who would expect variety in a piece of toast? We sacrifice variety in life through our busy routines. We rush to work, to the store and home again filing to notice the beauty of clouds, calls of the birds, new flowers or rain on the grass. Weather forecasters even apologize for any kind of weather other than fair skies and warm temperatures. One day seems like another. And when we want variety in life we rush out and try to buy it.

Yet no two days, not even two minutes are alike. The psalmist looks at his world and praises God for the infinite variety: valleys and mountains, rivers and seas, noon and sun, plants and animals. "O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy creatures." (104:24)

People are also different. No two are alike. We cannon pigeonhole anyone because they are unique, individual children of God. Jesus teaches us to look at each person as God's child and worthy of our love.

That little girl could look at toast and see more. With faith in God's loving care we can look at our world and see, hear, smell, touch and taste of God's world as never before. We can enjoy the time we have by being creative ourselves and enjoying all seasons. With love in Christ we can see and draw-out the variety of gifts and strengths others have.

Let us praise God for the richness and variety of his creation, and enjoy how life is continually enriched by God's manifold works.

P. Edward Leonard, Jr., Minister
Memorial United Methodist Church, Appomattox

The Bible and Daily Living

By Dr. William L. Trimyer

Living Epistles

Lesson For May 13, 1979

Background Scripture: II Corinthians 2:14-3:6

For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? (II Cor. 2:15)

A TRIUMPHANT VICTORY

God is a God of victory! The Apostle Paul learned that throughout his life and career as a missionary of the Gospel. Our lesson text opens with Paul's concern over the spiritual condition of the church in Corinth. His concern had rendered him almost powerless to carry on his work. When Titus returned from Corinth with good news, Paul breaks out with a kind of doxology that proclaims the victory of God.

"God has won the day at Corinth, so in effect Paul writes. Paul then describes for us a triumphant procession in which the Gospel is the victor. In the days of Roman Chariots and wars, burning censers would lead the victory march by spreading the aroma of incense along the streets. To the victorious Roman soldiers this aroma would be the scent of victory. But to prisoners of war, made to march behind the homecoming victors, such an aroma would be the scent of defeat. Paul saw this as an analogy of the Gospel, namely, that the 'Good News of Christ brings life to those who believe in death to those who reject it.

Have you ever smelled a rose? Have you ever smelled a sweet perfume or cologne? Have you ever smelled death? Do you know what death smells like? Christians are called by God to give off an aroma that is pleasing to some and offensive to others. We are to spread the aroma of the Good News so that those who are living a self-destructive life may come to know and experience LIFE both abundant and eternal.

PEDDLERS AND HUCKSTERS

Paul confronted some in the Corinthian Church who were accusing him of certain things, and he felt a need to challenge their authority. He in turn accuses them of corrupting the Word of God. In a sense he describes them as door-to-door peddlers of cheap merchandise. He also made the claim that these "peddlers" were insincere people, our to create alienation and confusion among the people of the church.

There are many "peddlers" and "hucksters" in our world today who travel from door-to-door peddling their wares. Besides peddling cheap merchandise, there are those who peddle a "cheap" style of religion. These "peddlers" "court" their customers with give-aways and "bargain alley" ideas about life and God.

And what of the "Electric Church" that floods our television and radios? Many of these very sincere peoples who are performing a good ministry, while others are simply in it for profit or gain. The author has a hunch that some people give more money to the "Electric CHurch" than they do their own! Many unsuspecting people are"suckered" into pouring hard earned dollars into an organization or personality they will never see or meet.

A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

In chapter three, Paul deals with still another problem that arose in the Corinthian Church. Some in the church were arguing that a letter of recommendation was needed to affirm one's character when they moved to a new location and sought Christian fellowship. The author has often wondered about the necessity of such a practice in some churches. Paul did not endorse the need for a letter to prove himself in good standing. His life was a "living epistle!"

We as Christians are to be LIVING LETTERS from God that are sent into the world to proclaim the Good News of new life in Christ and to spread the aroma of his love in all that we do. How much better is a "living letter" than a letter written in ink? There is nothing like flesh and blood to convince others of our character. Anyone can fool good on paper, but the real test comes when we present ourselves in the flesh!

(Dr. Trimyer is pastor of the Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin, Va.

Rev. Torrence To Receive Degree In Region & Philosophy

The Rev. C. David Torrence, Jr., pastor of Bedford Springs-Campbell Charge of the United Methodist Church in the Lynchburg District, will receive the Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion and Philosophy from Lynchburg College on May 12, 1979.

David is a 1967 graduate of Appomattox High School and is married to the former Becky Carson, also a 1967 graduate of A.H.S. and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Carson, Jr. of Spout Spring. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Torrence of Route 2, Appomattox.

David and Becky are the parents of three living children, Sherri, age 9; Burt, age 6; and Gene, age 5. They lost their oldest daughter, 10-year old Stephanie on February 21, 1979 with viral pneumonia.

David will enroll at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond in September in order to further his education.

The Torrences ask that you continue to lift them up in prayer as they continue to strive to do God's work.

TOPS NEWS

The meeting was called to order by its leader Margaret Lockner. The pledge was recited by the members.

The best loser of the week was Bobbie Mullins with a loss of 4¼ pounds.

On May 26, 1978 at 9:00 the TOPS club will hold a Yard Sale at the Farmers Branch Bank at the Triangle Plaza. There will be many nice useable items. There will be a few antiques including an antique wooden icebox, a cobblers bench and a three mirror vanity. All in good condition. If you are interested in any of these items be at the sale at 9:00 and you will get first pick of all the goodies.

Awards night was held on May 3, 1979. Queen for the month was Amy Nash with a loss of 6½ pounds for the month. Amy also received an award for her first 15 pounds lost and also for two months no absenses. Deborah Tyree was runner up with a loss of 6¼ pounds. She received a silver dollar. These awards are very important to the girls as an incentive to lose weight. Kirky Hamlin became a KOPS (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly) during the past year. She dropped out for a while and came back. She received her 1978 KOPS award at this meeting. The girls with two months no absenses received awards also. They are as follows: Margaret Lockner, Rachael Harris, Rose Mayhew, and Bobbie Mullins. Last month no absenses awards went to Delsep Harrup and Pat Hodge.

The next meeting will be held on May 10, 1979. Margaret Lockners home in Vera. Weigh-in 6:30. Meeting 7:00. If you do not know where Margaret lives call her. Mrs. Clarence Lockner, Appomattox. Reporter Lois Smith

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R. E. Lee Teacher Wins Award

The Virginia Forestry Association presented 12 cash grants of $25.00 each for classroom teachers during their Keep Virginia Green Poster Contest.

Mrs. Susan Martin, a teacher at Robert E. Lee Academy, was awarded a $25.00 cash grant and a certificate of appreciation for her article on how the poster contest helped create a sense of discovery and increased environmental awareness in a multigrade classroom. In Mrs. Martin's classroom the poster contest was used as a part of a teaching unit on art; and this led to nature walks and discussions on the consequences of the continuing destruction of our forests and environment.

Cindy Garrett Celebrates Birthday

Cindy Garrett celebrated her 10th birethday last week end with a party at A. J. Skateworld. Joining Cindy to celebrate the happy occasion were, shown above, left to right, Terri Hancock, Amy Covington, Jo Anna Layne, Kristi Craft, Wanda Martin, Karen Scruggs, "Cindy", Sherri Doss, "Sissy" Knight, Kelly Harris, Jeff Garrett, J. C. Rogers, and Jeff Williams.

Susan Lynn Campbell Takes 1st Place Honors

The Appomattox Chapter Future Business Leaders of America is very proud of Miss Susan Lynn Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde V. Campbell of Appomattox. Miss Campbell won first place honors at the FBLA State Convention in the Office Procedures Event. This event covers all areas of business knowledge, including data processing, math, secretarial procedures, and filing. Winning first place at the state competition entitles Susan to compete at the National FBLA Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, during the first week of July.

Susan has been very active in her high school years. She has been involved in cheerleading, majorettes, Varsity Club, National Honor Society, and Future Business Leaders of America. Susan enjoys many hobbies, including skiing, skating, tennis, swimming, and reading. She plans to study computer science at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University after graduating this summer from Appomattox County High School.

We wish Susan the best of luck in competition at the National Conference in New Orleans.

FBLA Parliamentary Law Team Placed 2nd

The FBLA Parliamentary Law Team won second place in state competition at the Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference in Richmond on April 28. The team consists of Teresa Lettner, Nugene Harvey, Debbie Harris, Juanita Patterson, and Debbie Roach. The team became eligible to compete on state level after winning first place in regional competition at Longwood College on March 31.

Many hours of work went into preparing for this competition. The team began work in January by meeting twice weekly before and during school. The state contest consisted of an objective test and the top four teams then presented an oral presentation of a ten-minute meeting following correct parliamentary procedure.

Nugene Harvey received the highest score on the written test on regional level out of 75 participants. The team is already making plans for the 1979-80 regional and state competition.

Catholic Church Services Being Held At Oakville School

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church is now holding church services each Sunday at 9 a.m. at the Oakville School Building.

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